

ADDRESS
of the
CANADIAN CONFERENCE
In 1836,
TO THE KING.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, being assembled in our Annual Conference, humbly beg leave to approach the Throne, and renew our assurances of loyal and devoted attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, and to the excellent Constitution under which we live, and which secures to us, in common with all classes of your Majesty's subjects in this Province, the many inestimable blessings, both civil and religious, which we enjoy.

The Ministers of our Church, amounting to ninety, and exercising pastoral care and authority over a religious community of upwards of sixteen thousand members, extend their visits and labours into every settlement, and embrace within their congregations more than one hundred thousand of the population of this Province. While we feel it to be our first duty and calling to inculcate principles of morality and piety, we are not unmindful to enforce upon those over whom our influence extends, the scriptural obligations of loyalty to our beloved Sovereign, and attachment to the institutions of our country, and the necessity of maintaining, as essential to its future prosperity and greatness, the permanent connexion of this Colony with the Empire of Great Britain.